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## The Passing Show.

Have you ever wondered what prompted the working class of the Balkans to lay down their lives in the war?

Now that the Federal elections are over, and the excitement has cooled, Labor and Liberal voters of the working class should ask themselves what there was to get excited over.

For Socialists, the elections were an opportunity to make Socialists by showing up the fraudulent intentions of the old parties.

In attempting to make a convert, study your man before approaching him, so that you may say and do the right thing. His temperament, business, work, and habits of life will have a deep influence on his state of mind.

The man who would attempt to convert some of our Anglican Churchmen would at most attempt to wash a negro white. Many Churchmen come from conservative English families, who devote their brightest sons to military or commercial pursuits, and their duldest to the Church.

The Rev. Golding Bird is a typical Churchman. At the recent Synod, held at New castle, he got a resolution through, declaring that caulets would be better in a camp, learning the art of murder, than at the Royal Agricultural Show during Easter week.

Seeing that the Show is a place where the industrial machinery of the country is exhibited from which the boys might learn something regarding the latest inventions and processes of production, while the camp, on the other hand, is a place where nothing of any service to humanity is taught, Rev. Bird's position and views might seem inexplicable.

But the Rev. Bird may come of an English family. He may have brothers in the army, and other family connections in the National Service League, in the armament business, in the money-lending business, financing wars and war scares and in other conservative walks of life where modern piracy seems honest, and religion a suitable mental narcotic for the masses.

If a man is what the world calls "well connected," his opinions will generally be the opinions of his class. Find out a man's family connections, and the way he and they get their living, and, generally speaking, you will be able to tell what his religious, political, and moral opinions are.

In California a law forbidding Japanese holding land in the State has been passed, with the result that a terrible rumpus has arisen. The real trouble is that the Japanese threaten to oust the local land owners, and take over the genteel occupation of rack-renting. The local landholders desire to keep this means of robbery in their own hands, and the law is passed to shut out Japanese competition. California is already paying other foreign landlords and alien holders of railroad and other stocks and bonds, an immense tribute, so it is curious to note how excited the workers there have been getting over the question of who shall rob them. It is the profit system that is behind the quarrel, as it is behind every quarrel between nations and classes.

Those who have no property have no material interest in fighting wars still, they persist in fighting them. Those who have property refuse to fight them. They get others to fight for them. They are like those crafty individuals who induce two fools to strip and fight, and then run off with the fool's clothing while they are fighting.

Judge Heydon is still going strong at the Sydney Arbitration Court, where batches of 50 gas employees are being fined and garrisoned for striking. Imagine a few Judge Heydons in every State with an industrial law framed to make strikes illegal, as does the New South Wales Labor Government's Act, and then think of those workers who voted "Yes" for the recent Referenda.

It is only a matter of time when the two old parties Liberal and Labor will have to



The Shaky Foundations of Capitalism.

unite to "defeat the Socialist" at a general election. When that time arrives the issue will not be tweedledum ver-us tweedledee; it will be a straight-out go between those who believe in abolishing rent, interest, and profit and those who believe in continuing to live upon the labor of others.

The present system is bankrupt, and should be put into the hands of a receiver appointed by the workers for the liquidation of the assets and the winding up of the crook business.

A country paper suggests that a time may come when it will actually be considered an honor to be a member of a State Legislature. Thanks. This is plainly a recognition that a time may come when Socialism will get there, and kick the representatives of the fat interests out.

A contributor to this paper recently drew attention to the bugs of Broken Hill, and suggested that they might be harnessed by the Proprietary and made to grind out profits for shareholders. But every Australian city is infested with bugs that suck profits from the homes of sleeping workers.

The cunning of the capitalist class is only exceeded by the ignorance of the working class. Don't let another week go by without making an effort to remove this ignorance. See that your neighbor gets this paper or some suitable pamphlet. Get to know his strongest arguments against Socialism, and attack them with the proper antidote.

The "Bulletin" recently set out to prove that the Australian employer gives the worker as fair a deal as circumstances will allow. After considerable reasoning and much figuring, the "Bulletin" proved that the employer says: "You may eat as long as I want you; when I don't want you, you can starve."

E. R. Hartley is back in England, and the emigration agents, State Agents-General, and other prevaricators know it. He is telling the people that he saw 2,000 unemployed marching through the principal streets of Melbourne, amongst whom were many immigrants, and this while Labor and Liberal Governments were inducing, by false pretences, others to leave Britain for Australia. The High Cockalorum, G. H. Reid, and the lower roosters, the Agents-General, are being brought up against some hard facts by "Ed-dard."

"The Labor Call": "Beeby's brutal industrial laws are in full swing in Sydney. Some hundreds of trades unionists are summoned to appear before the courts for striking." Yes, and the State Labor Party helped to pass Beeby's brutal Act, and the Federal Labor Party sought to get a "Yes" vote to a similar Federal Act, and the "Labor Call" urged its readers to vote "Yes" to the same thing. The Federal Labor Party's brutal Consumption Act is also in full swing, and hundreds of boys are being punished under its provisions, and the "Labor Call" supported the Federal Labor Government in its election campaign. It was left to this paper to warn the electors against what was being done.

The economic forms are rapidly ripening in this country for Socialism. It only remains for the workers to study them, and prepare to emancipate themselves. Those who have cleared their own mental outlook should help others. Get them to read this paper, and become members of the A.S.P. The A.S.P. is the only party in Australia which can hope to overthrow capitalism, for it is in line with, and is supported by the international Socialists of the outside world. This paper is the party's official organ, and it is the most widely read paper in the movement in Australasia. It is rapidly increasing in prestige and influence, and is the only paper which the capitalists fear and covertly attack. Make it go. Read it; talk about it; circulate it.

The Portuguese Government is using up all the old postage stamps bearing Manuel's head, but across the face of each stamp is printed in red the word "Republic." This reminds the feudal ones that the monarchy has been stamped out.

Mr. Neilson, ex-Minister for Lands in New South Wales Labor Government, has been again provided for by being appointed to the chairmanship of a wages board. The "Navy" comments approvingly on this appointment, and says it is about time Labor men were appointed to such positions. The "Navy" doesn't know that Neilson is no longer a Labor man, for he represents "all classes." The "Navy" ought to study Neilson's recent American tour, which resembled the spree of an Indian prince more than anything else. A man who incurred those glorious hotel expenses will surely repudiate the slander that he is a common Labor representative.

"The Labor Call": "Labor should have no hesitation in forcing another election, and asking the people to speak out definitely who is to rule—Honest Labor or Fuddled Fusion." But the people have already spoken as definitely as they could, on the knowledge supplied by the party leaders and organs, and a nice mess they made of it. What the Labor leaders—speakers and writers should do is to be honest with the people, and teach them Marxian economics, regardless of who is in charge of the tart shop. The attempt to bolster up any Government which chooses to call itself Labor, while it sells the working class, deserves to fail, as it undoubtedly failed, at the recent elections.

A sign of the times. Will Dyson, the Australian cartoonist, has accepted a Chicago offer of £2100 a year to illustrate for a syndicate there. Dyson has been illustrating London "Daily Herald" and other papers, and several of his anti-militarist and Socialist cartoons have been republished in this paper. That Dyson should find such a profitable market for his strong work is a sign of the times, and shows how American thought is tending towards Socialism. Zif, another Australian, who has signalled his return to Sydney by drawing some warm ones for us, may expect soon to receive an offer to go Yankee-wards. He has the stuff in him to make it hot for Capitalism.

The last International Freethought Conference was that held in Munich in September last. Foremost amongst the topics of discussion was the burning question of international peace. A manifesto on the subject was drafted by a Commission appointed by the Congress, and adopted by the International Bureau at Brussels. Translations of the French text have been issued in German, Portuguese, and Roumanian, and will no doubt go the round of the Rationalist world in all the different tongues. The English translation appears on page 3 of this issue.

Mr. Justice Pring bumped a true believer at the last sittings of the Criminal Court at Sydney. The devout one was summoned to serve as a jurymen, but objected to serve because he was against trials altogether. "Then you think every criminal should be allowed to go free to continue a war against society," queried his Honor. "Nobody should be tried in this world," said the juror, "they get their trial in the next." "If those are the views you hold," rejoined his Honor, "it is ended, you are not fit to serve as a juror. You are discharged." The judge evidently doesn't believe in giving a man your cloak if he steals your coat, nor does he favor the idea that crimes against property should be left to be punished in the next world. He should have pointed out that punishment in the next world can be dodged if the accused pleads guilty before death. There is said to be great rejoicing in heaven at the repentance of a sinner, but in a capitalist court things seem to be different.

Mr. Prendergast, leader of the State Labor Party of Victoria, recently supplied a London paper with some facts regarding the sinister motives that are behind the State Governments that are stimulating immigration. The State Governments, Mr. Prendergast says, are not acting as philanthropists, "but only for the purpose of keeping down wages," a verbal brick that wounds Holman, Scaddan, and other laborites as badly as it does Liberal Premier Watt, of Victoria. Of course, Prendergast aimed at Watt, but he should have made sure that his brethren were not standing where they could be hit.

The "Daily Citizen," the paper of the Labour Party, has recently published the following instructive table, showing the different professions and callings of the members of the British House of Commons:—

	Liberal Party.	Tory Party.	Irish Nationalists.	Labour Party.	Total each group.
Barristers and solicitors	74	84	23	—	180
Employers	112	46	12	—	170
Landowners	15	30	1	—	46
Heirs to Peerage	12	21	—	—	35
Army and navy officers	16	62	—	—	78
Financiers	9	21	—	—	30
Journalists	8	—	15	—	23
Ex-miners	2	—	—	18	20
Ex-workers other trades	2	—	12	22	36
Miscellaneous	15	—	22	—	51
Totals	265	281	84	40	670

This is the result of the actual system of "universal suffrage" in Great Britain. The rich classes (5,000,000 persons) are one in nine of the nation, and they hold eight in nine of the seats, shared almost equally by the Tory and Liberal parties. The working classes (40,000,000 persons) are eight in nine of the nation, and they hold one in nine of the seats. The sooner this order is reversed the better for the people, says the "Citizen."

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### An Error.

Owing to an error in make up last week J. R. Wilson was erroneously blamed for writing the articles entitled "Making Soldiers," and "The Methods of Krupp." The real culprit was W. R. Winstanley, of 115 Goulburn-St., Sydney, where he is hiding from the wrath of political parties.

## Nationalisation and Capitalism.

### Labor Government Powerless.

Capitalists have no money for Labor Government schemes of Nationalisation, but millions for private enterprise.

Speaking at Newcastle on June 11, Mr. Griffith (New South Wales Labor Minister for Works) unwittingly justified an article of ours of a previous date. Mr. Griffith said: "You know the attacks which have been made on me in regard to the steel works. I say frankly that if I had been able to get two or three millions the Broken Hill Proprietary would never have been here." In the "International Socialist," February 8, 1913, we commented upon the debate on this subject, which was held at the Labor Conference in Sydney, and said:

"It is a pathetic sight to see hundreds of delegates at a Labor Conference, bullying their Government because it has not established national iron works, when to do so it would have had to borrow the money from the capitalists, some of whom are doubtless interested in and influenced by that great world-power, the American Steel Trust. Naturally, the international capitalists would say to the Government when it applied for the money with which to build the steel works: 'We prefer, for the present, that you should give our Broken Hill Proprietary Company the right to erect such works, and to retain them until the people demand their nationalisation, when we will be pleased to sell at cost, plus 10 per cent., provided that you borrow the money from us with which to make the purchase, and allow us to draw interest thereon.'

"Labor, as well as Liberal, Governments are doing the work of the capitalists, and under capitalism they cannot do otherwise. It is useless to rail against them as the delegates and members of the P.L.L. are doing, for the capitalists will not finance any Government which does not govern as they desire it. And they certainly will not back any scheme of nationalisation until they know how the enterprise is going to serve their interests."

Those remarks were written to show the delegates at the P.L.L. Conference how hopeless their proposal for a national steel works was, and why it was hopeless. The delegates appeared to believe that all the McGowen Government had to do was to cable to Europe for money, and J. P. Morgan and other international capitalists would readily lend it for the purpose of fighting the steel trust, which these same capitalists were deeply interested in.

As Mr. Griffith says, if the Government could have got two or three millions, they would have built the works which are now being built by private enterprise. But there was no money offered to the Government, while there was unlimited capital behind the company undertaking the work. The international capitalists were stronger than the McGowen Government, and they made the Government bow to their will.

In the course of an address at Oboron on January 30, ex-Minister G. S. Beeby defended the Government in significant terms. Pointing to the vote of censure passed on the Government by the Labour Conference in connection with the establishment of iron works at Newcastle, he said that such "was another illustration of the impossibility of a Government discharging high public functions when a body outside the House, and not possessing the information at the disposal of Ministers, claimed the right to dictate in matters of important policy. On the information before the Government at the time they had done the right thing in abstaining from placing any

obstacles in the way of the private company which was willing to make an important step in the development of the Australian iron industry."

Our comment on this was that "the information before the Government at the time was that the international capitalists would not allow the Government to oppose the Steel Trust."

In spite of these plain facts, in spite of all this paper could say and do to enlighten them, the followers and believers in Labor Government schemes of nationalisation ranged themselves behind Fisher, Hughes and Co., and voted "Yes" to the nationalisation of monopolies and combines at the recent elections. McGowen, Griffith, and Beeby realised the impossibility of nationalising even one industry when the capitalists opposed, yet the Federal Labor Party, with the same facts before them, professed to believe that the nationalisation of some 30 combines was a simple and easy matter.

### Another Nationalisation Scheme.

While Judge Heydon is giving the ferry-men the "benefits" of compulsory arbitration at £10 down to £7 each, the Ferry Company is making the public sit up and scratch its thick head by jumping the fares in some cases 133 per cent. The company can see the North Shore Bridge coming, and, knowing that when it comes the ferry boats and paraphernalia it owns will be useless, it is going to get busy in the meantime. Firstly, the company raises the fares outrageously, which makes the North Shore residents mad. A public meeting is called, and fiery speeches made. Then up steps Lord Mayor Cocks to say: "I am told that the City Council has power to resume the Sydney Ferries. Let us consult the company, and if we cannot do any good with them, and the Government won't help us, then let the City Council and the North Sydney Council confer, and see if we can't resume them."

The Lord Mayor is a staunch Liberal, and the Ferry Company is no doubt also Liberal, and the "great Liberal Party" is dead against nationalisation, but here is a case in which a company of brother-Liberals stands to lose if a bridge is built, unless the City Council of Sydney or the Government can be induced to take over the busted assets. Is the company to stand idly by until the bridge is built, and it loses every customer? Is the Lord Mayor, as a business man with shares of his own, to do nothing? No! Decidedly not. Let the Government nationalise the ferries and shoulder the loss; or let the City Council, which owns one expensive white elephant—the Victoria Markets—buy another.

Talk of nationalisation brought the local Laborite to the front in the person of G. M. Down, a man who has fought elections at North Shore on the Labor nationalisation ticket. Mr. Down was profound, as Laborites usually are. He said: "They should also demand that the company should keep up the efficiency of the service until the bridge was constructed. Otherwise the Government should nationalise it." How beautifully the Laborite view dovetails in with the Liberal scheme!

The Company originally started with 20,000 shares, which by repeatedly watering, it had increased to hundreds of thousands. In this way the swag had been disguised for over twenty years, and now when a bridge threatens to release the public from its grip, both Liberals and Laborites propose to buy it out. We may be sure that the Company will not be averse to the transaction.

At an Australian banquet at the Trocadero Cafe in London, on June 10, there were 210 leading business men and financiers present. Replying to a toast, Lord Chelmsford, late New South Wales Governor, said he was greatly impressed with the lead which Australia had given to the mother country in connection with defence. He hoped Englishmen would come to realise that everyone ought to sacrifice himself for his country and do what Australians were doing. Lord Chelmsford's class are not making many sacrifices. They still continue to grow merry and fat on rent, interest, and profit, while urging their working class dupes to drill and train to fight the workers of other countries.

Melbourne "Argus": "In respect to the Senate the Constitution has utterly broken down. It is entirely useless for any good purpose, but is most potent for mischief. Regarded as a check upon legislation it is laughable. The people will be compelled to resolutely face the duty of asserting themselves as a democracy and insist upon withdrawing privileges which have entirely missed their purpose. Soon we may expect to see the Liberals advocating the abolition of the Upper House of the Federal Parliament while they defend the retention of a similar House in the States. The Labor Party is advocating the abolition of State Second Chambers, but will be compelled to defend the Senate against the Liberals. Such is party politics. The explanation of the mix is to be found in the fact that in the States Councils the Tories are en-

trenched, while in the Senate the Labor Party has a majority.

Joseph McCabe, the eminent lecturer on scientific subjects, is to commence a lecture season in Sydney on June 1. The Protestant Hall has been engaged for the series, but it is safe to say that hundreds of church goers, who have been warned not to go, will be unable to get into such a small place. McCabe's manager should have engaged the Town Hall, so that people might go in thousands to hear the story of the universe unfolded in the most fascinating way they will ever have an opportunity of hearing it.

### A Gang of Ruffians and Murderers.

The report from investigation of the treatment of Indians engaged in the Putumayo rubber industry, as summarised by the cables, stamps the officers of the company concerned as "a gang of ruffians and murderers, who shot from sheer lust of blood, and burnt, tortured, and violated in a spirit of wanton devilry." If this language of the investigators is justified, what happened on the Congo under the bloody Leopold could hardly have been worse than has been done in the district on the Upper Amazon. British people were horrified when they learnt of the doings of Leopold's officers on the Congo, and the Belgian people were roundly rated for tacitly cloaking the facts and allowing the royal butcher to die unexposed in the odor of sanctity. Now, however, a British company has outdone Leopold's dreadful record, and so far there has been no adequate protest or attempt to bring the murderous fiends to justice. British conquest and colonisation has always been harsh in its beginnings, but the doings of this company are a disgrace to an Empire which boasts of the freedom, enlightenment, and civilization which always follow its flag. A year ago Sir Roger Casement endeavored to expose the Putumayo profit-hunting bloodsuckers, but evidently some gentleman high up in the social scale managed to stave off enquiry for months, but persistence and patience at last prevailed, and the cover was lifted off one of the British Empire's most ghastly secrets.

### The Opium Trade.

Just how impotent capitalist governments are when opposed to vested interests is shown in connection with the opium trade in China. Since Mr. Gladstone wrote in 1840, "I am in dread of the judgment of God upon England for our national iniquity towards China," the British House of Commons has three times pronounced the continuance of the opium trade with China "morally indefensible." The opium war of 1839-1842 was undertaken in the interests of those who insisted on their right to import opium into China, a fact which is admitted by Lord Morley, who says: "The Chinese question was of the simplest. British subjects insisted on smuggling opium into China in the teeth of the Chinese law. The British Agent on the spot began war against China for protecting herself against these malpractices. There was no pretence that China was in the wrong, but war having begun, Great Britain felt bound to see it through, with the result China was compelled to open four ports, to cede Hongkong, and to pay an indemnity of £600,000. So true is it that statesmen have no concern with paternalists, the Sermon on the Mount, or the vague mumbo of the moralist." This means that the interests in the House of Commons were too strong for the Chinese Government, which has been compelled to allow opium traders to go on to this day poisoning and destroying the Chinese. Those who babble about liberty under the British flag and the spread of civilisation and justice by the Empire, should read what Gladstone said, and which is so damning after 70 years of contact between East and West: "Justice, in my opinion," said Gladstone, "is with them (the Chinese), and whilst they, the pagans and semi-civilised barbarians, have it, we, the enlightened and civilised Christians, are pursuing objects at variance both with justice and religion."

### A Workman's "Home."

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Cocks, opened the "General Booth Memorial Home" on June 10. In the course of his remarks, he said that at the "Home" a man can "live like a toff on 7s. or 8s. a week." The meals at the "Home" are provided at prices which no "toff" would attempt to run his dog kennel on, yet the men who "are up against it," the men who have no "home," other than this, are to be fed on the scraps and city offal collected by the Army. The place will accommodate nearly 700 men, and has the support of our friend of cheap labor in the city. The worker is to be pitied if such "homes" become a general thing for him. There he will know neither the charm of woman's society nor the music of children's laughter, but will vegetate and deteriorate until he goes out for good. Such "homes" are an eyesore, an anachronism, and a travesty on the name of "home."

### The Immigration Fraud.

While the flash magmen of the Million Club, the Immigration League, and the lying press, are boosting immigration, and publishing lying statements about our "rich unoccupied lands," and "scarcity of employment," their contemporaries on the other side are riddling them with facts supplied by returned immigrants from Australia. The following is taken from the London letter of Sydney "Telegraph's" correspondent, and is in such remarkable contrast to some of that paper's leaders that the wonder is that it published it at all.

### SPREADING THE BAD NEWS.

As the disappointed emigrants return from Australia, as they are now doing in hundreds each week, the number of "warnings" in the provincial press rapidly increases. I take a selection from a pile of clippings before me. The Manchester "Evening News" has the following from a "young Manchester man now out in Sydney," who says: "They tell you in England that there is plenty of work for everybody, yet when they get out there is nothing for them. I have met plenty of young fellows from the Old-country without the price of a feed, respectably dressed, too, who have not been able to get a job. They have to sleep out at night in the Government domains, as there are no workhouses or common lodging-houses here." E. Hunt writes thus of West Australia: "Don't be misled by advertisements. My object is to prevent my fellow-townsmen and others from being misled by various reports which are responsible for much suffering and destitution. In regard to farm hands, there is no work at all. Three parts of the farmers have no money to pay for help, and the other part only want farm hands to clear the fields of all the big trees. Emigrants should secure a proper guarantee, that they are not being used to swell the already overcrowded labor market, or to increase the dividends of wealthy shipping companies."

Australians might ask why the High Commissioner's office does not correct at least the obvious misstatements contained in such letters as these I have quoted. But although the darker side is exaggerated, it is extremely difficult to make out a good case for Australia in the face of the wholesale reduction or abandonment of Government-assisted passages, and the return of some disappointed people. Then these letters are at present so numerous that to answer them all would require the full services of a considerable staff. The blame, if any, is on the Australian side. The emigration officials here have done their work only too well. They have stirred up the interest of the British people, and have shipped more emigrants of good quality than the Commonwealth is apparently able to absorb. Doubtless an occasional waster emigrates. That is inevitable. But the average is probably no higher than among the forefathers of those who to-day sneer at the "pommies."

### Mr. Holman and Immigration.

W. A. Holman, New South Wales new Premier, in a comment on a "Times" article, says that "the regular work of the Immigration Department is going on as vigorously as ever, and it is likely to be more effective than before, owing to the recent amalgamation in London. Willy will now have to deliver another address at the Trades Hall to soothe the unemployed."

### "Comrade Liebknecht."

H. E. Boote (Sydney "Worker," 12, 6, 13) has a note on Dr. Karl Liebknecht's "Scathing Exposure" of the international secret information bureau of the Krupp firm, which serves the purposes of the firm by creating war scares in order to secure orders for guns and armament. Like other laborite writers, Mr. Boote can see how Krupp's and other firms, work on the fears and prejudices of other peoples, but he fails to apply the same reasoning to the Japanese scare, which he has helped to work up in Australia. He refers to Liebknecht as "Comrade Liebknecht," but it is safe to say that if the German anti-militarist-Socialist was here he would repudiate Boote, "The Worker," Pearce, and all other scaremongers who have helped to fasten conscription on the workers of Australia.

Liebknecht, like others, would find this paper the only effective voice in the Commonwealth against the growth of the curse of militarism, and anything he had to say on the subject would most likely have to be said in these columns, especially if it affected adversely the interests the tory-liberal-Labor Party. In spite of the ostrich policy of the laborite journals of the "Worker" calibre, this paper, backed up by the party behind it, has kept the militarist and armament fraud well before the public, and now, when what we have been saying can no longer be blinked, and the alleged Labor Party has no further use for the "Invasion Bogey," labor pressmen are bravely tweaking the nose of the militarist monster, and are hailing anti-militarists as "comrades."



## The Christian Soldier.

### An Abominable Imposition.

Some bogus heroes overhauled.  
By "Africanus."

Of all the abominable human impositions that have always appeared to me the most incongruous and detestable, the Christian Soldier stands unsurpassed and unexcelled. He exists chiefly in the diseased minds of military clerics, and is a curious compound of Pecksniff, Pistol, and Stiggins; with a dash of Tertullian and Chadband thrown in. More utterly malign and loathsome biographies of such criminal characters as Hedley Vicars, Henry Havelock, and General Gordon, of pious memories, I cannot well imagine. The historian who pens these lines can well recollect, in his days at school, how great a run there used to be on such pernicious books: all redolent in gilt and gold, as "prizes" for meritorious school boys. These trashy tomes were as eagerly devoured and believed as the entertaining penny histories and dark-lantern deeds of such gallant gentlemen of fortune as Blackbeard Trench and enterprising Claude Duval. And it is the poisonous literature which still works like a gangrene into the lives of present-day youthful Democracy. Prayerful fighters of the stamp of Gustavus Adolphus, Oliver Cromwell, "Stonewall" Jackson, and "Chinese" Gordon, have done more, I firmly believe, to perpetuate the horrors of war than ever did such godless miscreants as Atilla the Hun, Frederick the Great, and cock-eyed Kitchener. Quite recently a dedicated military bishop indulged in a didactic dissertation, touching the divine right of Christian Soldiers, and showed these braggart Bobadils to be possessed of all the denuded virtues and best qualities of humanity.

Preaching at Rochester Cathedral, on the occasion of the Royal Engineers' annual memorial service which was attended by all the battalions of the corps at Chatham, Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-General to the Forces, quoted the following passages from a private letter written by the late Field Marshall Lord Wolseley, in 1895: "Almost all my life I have been a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer, and rejoice to think that you and the Army and Navy Prayer Union remember me in your prayers to God. The last day I ever saw poor dear Charles Gordon, when he left England never to return, he told me he mentioned three men in his daily prayers, and that I was one of the three. He was an old and valued friend, but I always felt, and more than ever feel now, that I was never fit to pipe-clay his belt for him."

Religious character and pious rites performed at Sunday Schools, what splendid moral whitewash they are! But stern iconoclasts have shattered the military goose of this stucco-hero Gordon, who, by prayerful prelates and faithful Taylor-Smiths, is regarded as the very Benjamin of the Christian Soldiers' flock. It has indeed been monstrously stated in Socialist papers that "poor dear Charles Gordon" was a pious Pharisee, a cut-throat Thersites endowed with the criminal capacity to plunder, if opportunity offered, the Throne of Grace itself. He richly merited the ungenerous usage meted out to him in sun-baked Soudan by Allah-sent crusaders, who thereby bereft Lord Wolseley of the advantage of his charming company. As a military leader he was an ass in lion's skin; as a hired State assassin his doings irresistibly attract attention by their very repulsiveness. He shed oceans of blood and squandered mountains of treasure in crushing the reforming Chinese Taipings, thus paving the way for the infamous Tientsin-Chifu Treaty, which compels China to this day to accept delivery of opium, grown under the aegis of the Indian Government, and which perverts and prostitutes the moral faculties and enfeebles the physical powers of the great Yellow Race. A complete chronicle of Gordon's life and adventures might fitly grace the pages of the "Newgate Calendar" or the "Hue and Cry," and would be perused with pleasure and profit by such high-handed critics as the modern prototypes of Jonathan Wild and Jack the Ripper. Yet this much-lamented hero (his statue disgraces Melbourne) was habitually able to refresh his soul with Thomas a Kempis' incomparable "De Imitatione Christi." What a happy hypocrite! What a Pharisee of happy memories was Gordon! It should be the aim of all good men and women to strip war of every possible scintilla of glory by which the mind of the military homicide is gladdened—from Field Marshal to Drummer-boy. To the workers of the world the cannons of the praying Christian Soldier are as noxious and harmful as the canons of the praying Christian Church. Both parson and soldier act as Aaron and Hur to a false social system, and we have the authority of Tolstoi in writing that one cause of war is the fallacious and fraudulent religious teaching in which our young generations are forcibly educated. Therefore in the eyes of workers the Christian Soldier should be a supreme curse—the sum of human villainy. His

## The Armor Plate Press. How and Why We Exploit the Workers.

### Religion and Patriotism.

Why the Dreadnought and Super-Dreadnought were invented.

The Capitalist, or ruling class will, in order to maintain strength and perpetuate their economic sovereignty, use every possible means known to civilised man, and also some means by no means civilised. In Ulster, the far-famed "law and order" crowd, threaten armed rebellion; the only laws to be observed are apparently those favoring Orange ascendancy. The capitalist is intensely religious when discussing Socialism, but if a Materialist is more profitable as an employee, he will discharge the less profitable religious "brother" to make room for the former. His religion, like his goods, is not manufactured for use, but for profit. His patriotism is immense. It is expressed happily for a section of his class, in an ever increasing demand for armaments. The existence of an international armament, trust, or combine, is believed to be a fact: the members of this combine range all the way from dukes and bishops to newspaper editors and reporters. The Krupp scandal is adduced as evidence. In this connection an article entitled "Is the Dreadnought doomed," which appeared in London "Economist" of 22nd February last, is suggestive. The writer says "If half what was said about them (the Dreadnoughts) is true, the invention was either an act of treachery or a piece of madness, for it superseded all existing battleships at a time when Great Britain held an overwhelming superiority. It can, therefore, only be justified now upon international armor plate grounds, as a skilful device for stimulating one particular trade." After some criticisms of the Dreadnought type, he says—"All these criticisms are so obvious that the armor plate business, aided by the popular passion for size and the gullibility or worse of the Press, is the only explanation which can possibly account satisfactorily for the Dreadnought and super-Dreadnought era. But the great armament firms have laid down immense plants at great expense, and they cannot afford to allow the super-Dreadnought to be discontinued." And this comes from a recognised leading capitalist organ. It explains the apostolic fervour of a well-known Australian weekly, whose diatribes on the Chinese and Japanese "menace" are notorious. If they are not subsidised, then it is evident they have contracted the yellow fever. The Jap. could not possibly be a greater infiction on a long suffering public than the feverish productions of that yellow visioned reactionary, and there is no protection from this White Peril issuing from our biggest city except a knowledge of Socialist economies. We must recognise the capitalist is the only alien and is with his henchmen of the Press and Pulpit, the sworn enemies of the working class. Finally the working man must rid his mind of the superstitions that flourish therein, for until he does so he will fall an easy prey to the "yellow peril" fanatics and charlatans that camp on his trail, not for his, but for their own personal benefit.

F. SUTHERLAND.

Bundaberg, 13th June, 1913.

land-grabbing deprivations are committed for the unscrupulous acquisition of new markets in the interests of the Baron Rothschilds, the Bogus Roguesteins, and all the semi-diplomatic bureaux of banking banditti and counting-house camoristas. And these great financiers, business buccaners, and exploiters of patriotism owe allegiance to no king. They are the real Internationals, who prey upon the whole world and use the workers as pawns and playthings in their nefarious schemes of criminal imperialistic brigandage. All the spiritual benefits divinely bestowed upon the workers by such rascally associates are the doubtful privileges of doing the fighting and footing the bill. In a single biting couplet Lord Byron exposed for all time that immeasurable fraud—the Christian Soldier:—

Carnage (so Wordsworth says) is God's daughter:  
If he speaks truth, she is Christ's sister.

"The people have the notion that a man's liberty consists in giving his vote at election-hustings, and saying, 'Behold, now I too have my twenty-thousandth part of a talker in our National Palaver.'"

This liberty burns out before it has long continued in action, with all men flinging up their caps round it, to be for the working millions a liberty to die by want of food; for the idle thousands and units, alas, a still more fatal liberty to live in want of work; to have no earnest duty to do in this God's world any more."

CARLYLE.

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### Weary of Exploiting.

The system demands that we shall choose either to be an exploiter or one of the exploited.  
By the Exploiter.

I firmly believe that every true Socialist is a living monument of the Truth. I also firmly believe that until the wageslave thinks for himself and then puts into practice, the ideas, such thought must have evolved, we shall never have industrial peace. We, the exploiting class, exploit the wageslaves, because we cannot help ourselves. The system demands that we shall choose, either to be an exploiter or one of the exploited. There is no help for it. This can be seen at a glance in the following proposition. I am a member of the Homo Genus, I have desires which I shall try to satisfy. Hunger and cold force me to eat and clothe myself. I must obey nature and live. But the social system under which I live allows the few to rule the many, and in order to get the money to purchase the aforesaid food, clothes, and shelter, I have either to sell my capacity of labouring to another of my species, or else become one of the purchasers of my fellow being's labour power. In short, I may employ navvies, and get a living by exploiting them for profit, or start in business as a pick and shovel man. This is how it appears to me, and as a man of the world I certainly choose the exploiter's occupation: it is far easier to do. Why should I work hard and do laborious work in the sun, being continuously in a state of sweat and heat that rivals a Turkish bath, receiving only sufficient wages to keep body and soul together, when by simply using my headpiece I can get thousands of men who will fight with each other in order to be my tame docile wageslaves. Mind you, I am not writing this in a spirit of bravado: not at all, I am with your Party heart and soul, it is not you I fear; it is the slaves I am afraid of. At any minute I may find one of my brother exploiters engage my slaves and use them to manufacture an article that he can sell cheaper than I can, and then I am faced with ruin financially. I must then get cheaper slaves, and undersell my brother capitalist, and so on. He that can get the cheapest slaves, combined with the most intelligent methods of producing, and distributing, must eventually win in the struggle for existence under this capitalist system. I am prepared to end it to-morrow, provided the slaves of factory, mill, and mine are ready and willing. But they are not ready, and my own workmen tell me they cannot do without me. Can you blame me? It is not my fault: it is theirs if they only would learn their true position in society, and combine with the goal of a class-conscious socially owning democracy, I could not then, exploit them. This is what I long for: it has been the ideal of the Earth's greatest minds. Right far back in our dim historical epochs, the men and women, who rose above their fellows in intellect, have advocated the scientific reorganisation of society, it may be in a crude way, but according to the extent of their knowledge, and environment, the principle is the same, to elevate the general plane of the race. The economic methods you put forward, suit me, I cannot be hurt, or harmed, by the truth, and it is only outside, in the competition, due to the vicious incidence of our commercial system, that I am an exploiter. So I have on with your propaganda, enroll the slaves, educate them, inject into their ignorant minds, the germ of industrial organisation, and when they rebel against, and overthrow, this pernicious system of capitalism, I will be as much pleased as they. No force on this earth can equal the force of organised labour, intelligently taught, and scientifically organised. I am weary of exploiting, I, like you, hear the cry of the weak and defenceless, of the babies murdered in their mother's womb, of the child slaves of factory, field, and workshop; and my heart responds to, and my whole body vibrates, in unison, with your never-dying, ever-echoing, song of freedom.

To arms, to arms, ye brave,  
The avenging sword, unsheath.  
March on, march on, all hearts resolved,  
On victory, or death.

You have all the forces of Truth behind you, forcing you ever onward, and onward, and let the cry of humanity, stricken and disabled, be the beacon fires that will light you to the glorious realization of Carl Marx's maxim: "Workers of the world unite, you have naught to lose but your chains."

I am, comrades, yours, a Rebel in Revolt, an Exploiter.

Rockhampton, Queensland, 7th June, 1913.

P.S.—I heard your organiser, Jackson, speaking with another comrade. He appealed for practical help. I will help you financially (secretly), publicly by an occasional article headed as above—"Exploiter."

## A Peace Manifesto.

### Issued by the International Freethought Conference.

The horrifying abominations of war denounced.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CIVILISED NATIONS.

"In execution of the mandate which it received from the International Freethought Congress (Munich), at its session held on September 3, 1912, the General Council of the International Freethought Federation, whilst applauding the declarations of Franco-German friendship unanimously expressed by the German and French delegates, has come to the solemn decision that the Peace agitation, without being the special aim of Freethought, is a necessity of civilisation, and naturally involves the duty of active co-operation on the part of Freethinkers in the cause of Peace.

"Whilst the abominations of war are horrifying the whole world, the chiefs of the nations and the heads of the Churches are invoking the blessings of their Almighty God upon the frightful means of destruction which the armed forces on land and sea are putting into operation during the homicidal struggles which are staining the world with blood.

"As rationalist Freethinkers who, in order to safeguard human lives and to secure the development of social progress, rely only upon solidarity, science, and industry, it becomes our duty indignantly to condemn the barbaric employment of the instruments of murder between the different races and peoples and between the diverse families of nations. It is the bounden duty of all Freethinkers and of all Freethought societies in every country to cry shame upon those who exploit the various religions for the purpose of perpetuating the regime of carnage on the field of battle.

"We demand that all genuine pure-hearted men and women should energetically make known the sense of reprobation for war felt by the universal conscience of mankind, and put pressure upon all governments to take measures for the purpose of establishing peace, and for securing by judicial conventions the solution of all international conflicts.

"The ideal which the religions have failed to realise, viz.: *Peace between man and man. Down with War! Let us organise Peace!*"

This Manifesto is signed, for the International Freethought Federation, by the Permanent Bureau, viz.: Hector Denis, Depute; Leon Furnemont, Depute; Georges Lorand, Depute; Dr. Terwagne, Depute; Houzeau de Lehay, Senator; Eugene Hins (General Secretary), and others.

The text of the Manifesto is here cited in order to illustrate with the latest example the time-honoured antagonism of organised international Freethought to the baleful institution of war and its twin curse, armed peace.

### THOUGHTS.

(By J. W. Roche.)

It is amusing to watch the antics of that weird production, the Sydney "Worker." It yells enthusiastically for Socialism in Europe, and on the other hand, yells for a party that fines and jails the workers in this country.

H. E. Boote, a kind of sentimental, legal, anti-legal, revolutionary, anti-revolutionary, socialistic Laborite, hashes up a horrible mixture of Palliatives, patches, and other old things to give the unwary wage-slave the idea that the Labor Party will give him all the Socialism he wants—that is, if he does want it. If he does not want it, and won't have it any price, another "Worker" scribe hastens to assure him that the Labor Party is not a Socialist Party, and would not be guilty of such a horrible thing.

The Labor Party is out for votes, and will call itself anything to get them, but the wage-slave aforesaid is beginning to wake up, and it is only a question of time when he will greet the effusions of Boote and his fellow-scribes with a burst of satirical laughter.

The Labor Party will talk Socialism and act Conserption and Arbitration and all sorts of capitalist palliatives and plutocratic reforms until Revolutionary Socialism forces it into the camp of the Liberals, where it rightly belongs.

Another Fusion loometh in the distance, my Brothers.

The ignorance of the capitalist press is astounding as far as economics is concerned. The Labor section of that press tells us that the trusts are responsible for the increase in the cost of living. This is either economic ignorance or mental dishonesty or both. The real cause is the depreciation in the value of gold. Any economist ought to know this if he had the intellect of a chimpanzee. The Liberals, on the other hand, reckon it is caused by the extravagance of the Labor Party. If the inklingers who write these strange things know better, what



## DAVE AND THE SQUATTER.

Two thousand years or more ago,  
According to tradition,  
There lived a chap who, you must know,  
Was wanted for sedition.  
And hunted hard he needs must tramp,  
From hearth and home must sever,  
And in the back blocks pitch his camp,  
Far in the Never Never.  
But tucker bags were sadly light,  
And hunger he was fearing,  
When, hal' a station hove in sight,  
Just cutting out from shearing.  
Says Davy straight to every mate  
(He had a crowd of rum-'uns,  
For each of whom in town did wait  
At least a debtor's summons).  
"Our luck is in, as sure as sin,  
Or stow me in the jug, boys,  
So some of you had best begin,  
And chew the squatter's lug, boys."

They went ahead, and told a tale;  
The manner of its saying  
Was moving up, they didn't fail  
To keep his sheep from straying.

And then, to cap the noble weep  
(With alousness none could twit 'em),  
They had not killed a single sheep,  
Not even if it bit 'em!

That squatter sadly eyed the push,  
And bade them stir their bikers.  
"I know," he said, "this blooming hush  
Is full of gory strikers."

"I pay for grub to feed the crew  
Who come for me a-working,  
And not for hard-mugged blokes like you,  
Who only do the shirking."

These words with grief they told their chief,  
Who stormed with indignation,  
And swore he'd kill the scabby thief  
And loot the holly station.

They started out with oath and shout,  
Intent on gore and plunder,  
But what thereafter came about  
Will fill your mind with wonder.

The Squatter's wife foresaw the strife,  
She brought them out a hamper,  
With all the best the house possessed,  
And stacks of meat and damper.

The Squatter he was on the spree,  
But "what a difference" this is:  
Once off his drunk, he died of funk,  
And Davy took the missus!

Dave even got a crown of gold  
Don't say I lie, that's libel;  
In pious mood this yarn is told,  
You'll read it in your Bible.

Sydney, May, 1913.

†Pedal extremities.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER, SYDNEY.

Workers of the World beware of a scab organisation to fight Australia Workers' Union. Bogus Union is now being formed, named the Western Workers' Federal Association, and have applied for registration: also side and arrangements with mines and employers of labour in the Cloncurry district, to attempt to start the mines and smelters. They intend to allow no extra rates for overtime, to start under the conditions which the members of Australia Workers' Union were working, when the mining company dismissed all hands. They have agreed to accept contracts, piecework, and bonuses, as a condition of employment, and the general opinion is that they intend to co-operate closely with the bosses to break the strength of Australia Workers' Union Amalgamation. Advertisements are out for 2000 men to scab on us. Tell Australia we were locked out, having no dispute at time of the lockout, and the men now think that in order to compensate themselves for loss of time, etc., they now have a right, before returning to work, to fight for 44 hours a week in all departments, time and half for

unblushing hypocrites they are: if they do not know better, what a poor, ignorant crowd of public teachers they are.

The Socialist is the only safe exponent of economics, because he analyses human society in all its historic stages, and is not prepared to tell lies to catch votes.

H. E. Boote, in Sydney "Worker" of June 12, enumerates those who he says hate the Labor movement, and wants to know, among other things, why that Party is hated by the "bloodthirsty jingo." Well, that is a mystery when we realize that the Labor Party's Conscription Policy ought to be "bloodthirsty" enough to suit the most savage jingo.

ordinary overtime, double time Sunday, Xmas Day, Good Friday, and 8 Hour Day. No contracts or piecework in mines of smelters, 8 hours bank to bank, inclusive of half hour for crib, 6 hour shifts in hot ends, wet shafts and rises. A timberman to be employed to every 6 miners, such timberman to assist and be responsible for all timbering of slopes, drives, and rises. No miner to be employed in any repairing work unless he receives timberman's pay. Other general demands which are our right as workers. We ask all organisations, and true Unionists, to give these matters the fullest publicity, and to inform men intending to come to Cloncurry district that they will be used as tools for Cloncurry Copper Mines. "United we stand, divided we fall."

C. H. McNAUGHT,  
Press Correspondent.

Cloncurry.

## A.S.P. News &amp; Notes.

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

Next week the Principles and Policy, also the Rules of the A.S.P., as amended by the 1913 Conference, will appear.

## MELBOURNE BRANCH A.S.P.

The week's activities lead off with a rattling good propaganda meeting at S. Melbourne Markets, when Speers, Wilson, and C. Menzies put in some solid sledge-hammer work, for sound industrial organisation, and Socialism. The literature sale was good, but more literature sellers are wanted, and when they come along it will be better.

Saturday's dance boasted an increase in attendance, all patrons enjoying themselves. R. Aarons, who is M.C., will be pleased to welcome all newcomers.

Mrs. McDonald, the Branch Sunday School Superintendent, reports a good attendance of scholars, all of whom manifest interest in the knowledge imparted to them.

Although some of our speakers were out of town on Sunday, Speers and Wilson held quite the largest audience on the Yarra. The collection amounted to £1 1s.

H. J. Cruickshank was the speaker at the Branch headquarters in the evening. His subject was a review of The Economics of Labour under the heading of "Capitalism Considered." Although our youthful comrade was somewhat lacking in fluency of speech, his address was nevertheless highly instructive, and he demonstrated, beyond all shadow of doubt, that he is fast taking his place in the movement as an interpreter of Marxian economics. Moreover, there is every reason to believe he will be Australia's first Marxian authority.

On Monday there was a good attendance at the Plain and Fancy Dress Ball, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the hour for retiring arrived all too soon. Miss Phillips attended as Night, a stranger as The Gipsy Queen, Mrs. Geschke as The Washerwoman, Miss Leegan as The Quaker Girl, Miss McLellan as Luggage, while a large number of others, too numerous to mention, and whose names are unknown, wore very pretty evening dresses.

We are pleased to announce that Comrade W. Berndt, who was suddenly seized with paralysis, is slowly regaining his health, nevertheless it will be some two months, according to his doctor, before he can hope to be up and doing. Comrades are therefore requested to push the tickets, in aid of the fund opened on his behalf, and thereby render some practical support.

All members should note that next general meeting of the Branch, the half-yearly report, etc., will be submitted, and officers appointed for the ensuing half-year. Make a note of this and attend, as full consideration is to be given to several important matters affecting the Branch.

J. R. WILSON, Secretary.  
17 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

## SYDNEY.

Large and attentive audiences listened to the gospel of discontent and educative agitation, as expounded by our various speakers during the past week.

A very successful meeting was held at the corner of Campbell and George streets on Saturday night, when Comrades Slade, Roche, Whitmore, and Hilder, with Comrade Ivor Jones as literature seller, held an audience of about five hundred from eight till ten.

Sunday's Domain meeting was held for some considerable time, the speakers being Jones, Roche, and Whitmore.

Despite a heavy fog, Sunday night meetings in Park and Market streets proved to be a great success, the "International Socialist" being in great demand, and much amusement being provided by Comrade Roche's criticism of the Book of Job and Miller-Argue.

Comrades, there is a noticeable increase in the number of people eager to hear the gospel of Revolutionary Socialism: the time is ripe for a rapid increase in the membership of our Party. Never were times so favourable, hundreds of workers are break-

ing away from the mental shackles imposed upon them by the plautitudes of the Labour Party. Where are they going? The only place for a discontented worker is the Socialist Party. Make of yourself an organiser, become a literature seller, learn to speak by attending the debating class. The cause is worthy of your best effort. The Secretary will always be pleased to hear from comrades willing to aid in our propaganda meetings. There is plenty of work to do, all that is needed is workers.

Intending new members should get in touch with the Secretary at 115 Goulburn-street, or drop a line, and he will come and see you.

The half-yearly business meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th June, at Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, at 8 p.m.

CECIL WHITMORE,  
Secretary.

## ADELAIDE.

J. Bryan (Adelaide) writes: The Socialist Party has gone out of business in Adelaide, and its goods have been put on the market and sold. The little cash received for same I am instructed to forward to you as a donation to the "International Socialist." Find order enclosed for £4 17s., being the amount received. It is desired that you make the above known through the columns of your paper. I may mention that the I.W.W., or what is called the "bummery" through the columns of your paper, is making fair progress in Adelaide.

With best wishes,  
Yours in revolt,  
J. BRYAN.

## ROCKHAMPTON.

On Saturday night Comrades Jackson and Thompson addressed an attentive audience of between 200 and 300, and both speakers did good work for Socialism. We are holding meetings every Saturday night at the corner of East and William streets, and have a fine field for operations. We made two new comrades on Saturday night.

Kindly send a sub. book for the "International Socialist."

J. Seely, Secretary.

## BROKEN HILL.

Comrade A. G. Brown writes to say that the Broken Hill Branch has decided to contest the State elections, Comrade Considine having been selected to contest Willyama, and Comrade Brown for Sturt. Brief reports of their opening addresses appeared in last week's "I.S." As both candidates are well up in their subject, there will be something doing on the Barrier during the State elections. We wish both candidates success.

## PERTH.

Comrades in the West have had a free speech fight. J. Wilkes and T. Martin were charged with obstructing the traffic in Murray-street, on Sunday night, May 11. The case took a long while, as our comrades fought it step by step. The police contended that Martin, in speaking for International Socialism, was reviling the Deity and sacred things generally, and because of that they had interfered.

Martin denied the police evidence, and stated that he was merely giving a philosophical address on a notable work, "The Evolution of the Idea of God," written by Grant Allen.

The cross-examination of the police by Martin and Wilkes was lengthy and searching, and demonstrated the earnestness of the Socialists and the weakness of the police case.

In giving his decision, Magistrate Roe said he did not concern himself with anyone's religious beliefs, but speakers should not obstruct the traffic. He fined Wilkes and Martin £1 each, and asked them to give a promise not to speak again in the streets. The defendants refused to promise, and the matter dropped.

Subsequently, "Truth" took the matter up, and denounced the censorship of the police. As a result of "Truth's" vigorous articles the Labor Council called an indignation meeting and resolved, "That this Council protest against the action of the City Council in framing a bye-law which prohibits the right of free speech in Perth."

The meeting held on the Esplanade on the following Sunday afternoon also condemned the action of the authorities in prosecuting the Socialists.

## NEWTOWN.

Despite wretched weather excellent meetings were held on Sat. and Sunday evenings, great interest being shown by the audience. Many questions were answered at the close of the addresses, and splendid sales of literature were effected. A British comrade—a member of the British Socialist Party—spoke after Kilburn and was well received.

A. Duffield,  
Branch Secy.

## BALMAIN.

A good meeting was held by Comrades Sloan and Bryce at Rozelle on Sat. night. Sales of literature were good, and a good

collection—the first—was taken up in aid of the building fund.

Comrade Luke Jones gave a good lecture on Socialism and Morality in the Town Hall when there was standing room only.

A Social and Dance will be held in the Temperance Hall, Montague-St., Balmain, (near Town Hall), on Sat. June 28. Tickets 1s. Ladies free. Refreshments.

## COMRADE BERNDT'S BENEFIT.

Comrades Whitmore and Denford still have a few tickets for disposal in Sydney.

Comrades are asked to buy them up and so help a hard worker in the movement.

Melbourne Comrades are asked to note Comrade J. R. Wilson's appeal in this issue.

The Ruskin Assembly, Melbourne, also announces a Benefit Social at the Oddfellows' (Tum Verein) Hall, on Sat. July 5. A. G. Victor, M. C. D. O'Shea Hon. Sec.

## Press and Maintenance Fund.

Already acknowledged, £58 6s. 4d. T. Woodli 6s. Collected at Club Socials, 7s. 1d. and 5s. 6d. Total £59 14s. 11d.

## Barrier Branch,

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## Balmain Branch,

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